Palazzo Poli Rome

My dear Charley June 1862

In great haste, this to
your kind note has just come, telling
me of the sad loss of your dear Son
Walter— I feel for you great sympathy
for this affliction is so much greater
so soon after the other, of which I
got dear Eliza's letter, but the press
of Public business has not yet allowed
me to answer it—

We have to sustain each
other under these many & great
afflictions— We have two Brothers

ways had a great love
other & it forms a
Trio that I am proud & proud
of & delight to dwell on here
at a distance

This leaves me in good health
spirits, & considerable success, but
so impoverished in means by
the tremendous expenses at
Marseilles (£260) that I
am in despair

Your loving Brother
Joe

to be taken down & mended, so this confirms the
false news of my death - Happy I am to tell you
that I am quite well & in good spirits now, tho
I have had such a terrible blow altogether
Walter is back with me working at painting
& drawing & we are both all the time we can get him
a good place & he can have plenty of time
for painting - yet he is bent on the professional
yet I do not think he has the "stag" in him for the
purpose - Walter insists on his going to London -
Sorry I am to find that you have taken the
"huff" with Tom & Eliz, as I do conclude from
your note & I feel that you all want me amongst
you to keep you together, however I am sure
that it cannot be your fault, as I know you do
well & know your kind nature. - I am glad
that you have found a lodging to suit you
tho' it must be a great loss to you to be thus
separated from the Ollys & now pray remember
me kindly - Sunday last was a great day here &
I had to sit amongst the Ambassadors & Ministers
in my State dress, sword &c - two old fogs I found
nine Ambassadors & our meeting was very pleasant
Waiters lit us with 12 flambeaux and large candels
become exactly like a London fog of the deep
yellow kind, 'tis thought that much is going on
at this moment, La what a moment!! - had I the
money I should go to London & see you all, but I
must stay & save & do a picture this Summer
Your loving Br Thos Joe